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1. The assets of the SAG "Kaustik", Bitterfeld, have been drastically reduced by the Soviet dismantling program from about 200 million marks to 80 million. Production is valued at around 120 million marks annually, though it is hoped to increase it to 150 million marks by the construction of new factories to make such articles as synthetic stones, tortoise shell, etc.

2. Considerable profits are being made from the sale of soup essences and "Peptonisat" which can be sold at very high prices as unrationed foodstuffs. On the other hand, the Soviets are insisting on the increased production of caustic soda on which the firm will have a loss.

3. The firm suffers considerably from shortage of special steels, heavy machine parts, and many steel products such as screws, metal plates, tubes and nails. Rubber, tires, and parts for cars and trucks are also in very short supply.

4. In order to combat this shortage the firm has organized a chain of agents in the Western Zones and Berlin who are to dispose of the firm's products and obtain essential replacements.

5. Soviet directors of SAG "Kaustik" are:

Managing Director:

Dr. Belyayev

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Assistant Managing Director:

Promorzev

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Sales Director:

Povarkov

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Chief Engineer:

Staroski

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6. There are three party factory groups consisting of SED (3,000), LDP (200), and ODU (200). Total number of workers is 11,000 of whom 2,600 are women.

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